

PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 07040.0223

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Gianfranco COLOMBO et al. )  
Application No.: 10/533,927 ) Group Art Unit: 1747  
Filed: December 2, 2005 ) Examiner: Steven D. Maki  
For: TYRE FOR A VEHICLE WHEEL ) Confirmation No.: 8155  
    INCLUDING A TREAD-BAND )  
    PATTERN )

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b)(4), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached IDS Form PTO/SB/08. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4), before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

Copies of the listed foreign documents and English-language abstracts are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached IDS Form PTO/SB/08.

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Respectfully submitted,

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